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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/697,127	Applicant(s) ONO, TORU	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

on page 2, line 15, please change “show” to --shown--;

on page 5, line 14, please change “¶Alternatively,” to --Alternatively,--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claims 24, 26, 33, and 35 are objected to because of the following informalities:

in claim 24, line 2, please change “the stand by mode” to --a stand by mode--;

in claim 26, line 2, please change “the stand by mode” to --a stand by mode--;

in claim 33, line 2, please change “the stand by mode” to --a stand by mode--; and

in claim 35, line 2, please change “the stand by mode” to --a stand by mode--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Double Patenting

Claims 19-36 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No.

6,701,101. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably

distinct from each other because it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in

the art at the time of the invention that if a “control portion starts to move a

predetermined developing device of a plurality of developing devices to a predetermined

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position before a auto-discriminating portion makes the discrimination” (Patent, claim 1) then a designation between the first mode and the second mode as a standby position (Application, claim 1) must have already been made, which is before the auto-discriminating portion makes the discrimination.

Allowable Subject Matter

The indicated allowability of claims 19-36 is withdrawn in view of further consideration resulting in the double patenting rejection above. Claims 19-36 would be allowable if the double-patenting rejection and informality objections are overcome.

Contact Information

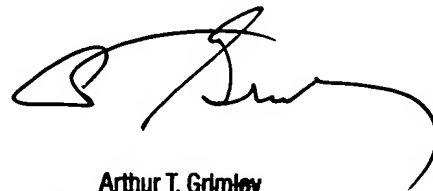
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan Gleitz whose telephone number is (571) 272-2134. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday between 9:00AM and 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Arthur Grimley can be reached on (571) 272-2136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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